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Lincoln Circuit Marking Association

St. Nicholas Hotel, Springfield, Ill.

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Illinois Centennial Statue

Representing Mr. Lincoln at the time of his Farewell Address to his Neighbors

DEDICATED OCTOBER 5, 1918

Andrew O'Connor, Sculptor

The Eighth Judicial Circuit of Illinois in the years 1841 to 1858 included under various legislative apportionments eighteen Illinois counties. By the legal setting of the courts the first session was held in Sangamon county. Judge David Davis of McLean county was for the greater part of the time circuit Judge. Mr. Lincoln and other prominent lawyers usually accompanied the Judge to the sessions in the various counties. Other great men than Mr. Lincoln attended the courts. They traveled mostly on horseback or in buggies, staying nights at the local taverns, where in the evenings they discussed all possible questions, literature, philosophy, history and politics. Many of Mr. Lincoln's famous stories were told at these meetings. Young lawyers were helped and encouraged and in many cases, young men were enabled through these influences to decide for the right when the great crisis came. The People of Illinois, farmers, lawyers, preachers, merchants, mechanics, teachers and pupils, all are glad and proud to assist the Daughters of the American Revolution in marking this historic highway.

Some Words of Abraham Lincoln---

REVERENCE FOR LAW.

Let reverence for the laws be breathed by every American mother to the lisping babe that prattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and in colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and in almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls and enforced in courts of Justices; in short, let it become the political religion of the nation.

VIEWS ON SUFFRAGE.

I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens, consequently I go for admitting all to right of suffrage who pay taxes or bear arms (by no means excluding females).

THE VALUE OF FRIENDSHIP.

The better part of one's life consists of his friendships.

LOVE FOR HIS MOTHER.

God bless my mother, all that I am or hope to be, I owe to her.

PATRIOTIC CITIZENS.

Gold is good in its place, but living brave patriotic men are better than gold.

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